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APPLICANTS' AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 30, 2008 for the above identified patent application, and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.111, please consider and enter the following amendment and remarks. Applicants submit concurrently herewith: (a) an information disclosure statement; and (b) a petition for three (3) months' extension of time for response.

Amendments to the specification start at page 2 of this reply.

A listing of the claims starts at page 19 of this reply. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Amendments to the drawings start at page 24 of this reply.

Remarks start at page 8 of this reply.

Replacement drawing sheets follow the fee-authorization page.

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